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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Evan Hsiang of W. B. Ray High School in Corpus
2 Christi has earned great distinction as the top scorer in Texas and
3 the nation in the 2021 United States Academic Decathlon; and

4 WHEREAS, Conducted by the United States Academic Decathlon
5 Association, the USAD is a 10-event competition that promotes
6 scholastic excellence and provides high school students with the
7 opportunity to demonstrate their abilities in such subjects as art,
8 music, language and literature, economics, mathematics, science,
9 and social science; and

10 WHEREAS, A junior at W. B. Ray High School, Evan Hsiang was
11 recognized for the second consecutive year as the top competitor in
12 the USAD honors category; he turned in the second-highest score in
13 the 53-year history of the event, accumulating 9,701.7 points out
14 of a possible 10,000 to come within 6.2 points of breaking the
15 current record; in addition, he has broken the regional record
16 three years in a row, and as a freshman, he became the first person
17 in the region to eclipse 9,000 points; and

18 WHEREAS, In total, Mr. Hsiang earned 16 gold medals, 4 silver
19 medals, and a bronze medal in state and regional academic decathlon
20 events and led Ray High to a third-place regional finish; among his
21 other activities, he is involved with the National Speech & Debate
22 Association and the Texas Forensic Association; he is an Academic
23 All-American in speech and debate, and he is a state qualifier in
24 Original Oratory and Informative Speaking; furthermore, he won the

1 Texas Regional Citizen Bee, and he and his teammates have collected
2 second-place prizes at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
3 Regional Science Bowl; he is also an accomplished pianist, having
4 earned top awards in a number of competitions; and

5 WHEREAS, Evan Hsiang's academic achievements are a source of
6 great pride to his family, community, and school, and his hard work
7 and pursuit of excellence give promise of a bright and rewarding
8 future; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Evan Hsiang on becoming the top
11 scorer in Texas and the nation at the 2021 United States Academic
12 Decathlon and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
13 success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Hsiang as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.